



Nomination period to open for Wisconsin Cherry Board

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MADISON –The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will start accepting nominations April 7 for four positions on the Wisconsin Cherry Board. Cherry growers will have until April 26 to return their nomination forms for the election of two director positions in District 2, one position in District 1 and one at-large position.

Board members must be active growers who sell an average of at least 2,000 pounds of tart cherries per year into commercial channels. In addition the two director positions that are up for election this year, the election will also fill two board positions that have been vacant since 2007.

The Cherry Board's two districts have been reapportioned this year at the request of the board to better represent cherry growers. A map of the new districts will be mailed to all producers along with the nomination forms.

DATCP, which oversees the nomination and election processes, invites cherry growers to submit nominations for eligible growers. A completed nomination form must include the signatures of five eligible cherry growers other than the nominee.

Completed nomination forms must be sent to: Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Marketing Order Program, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708-8911. Growers who have questions or need more information should contact DATCP's Noel Favia at 608-224-5140.

The Wisconsin Cherry Board election itself will be held May 19 through June 7, 2014.

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